

SENATE BILL 3185
By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 4 and Section 67-4-602, relative to training for jail personnel, jail administrators and sheriffs. This act makes appropriations for training programs for jail personnel, jail administrators and sheriffs for an indefinite period of time.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-602(a), is amended by deleting language "twenty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$29.50)" and by substituting instead "thirty dollars and fifty cents (\$30.50)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-602, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(j) Revenue derived from the increase of the privilege tax on litigation instituted in this state from twenty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$29.50) to thirty dollars and fifty cents (\$30.50) collected pursuant to subsection (a) shall be deposited in the state general fund and shall be earmarked solely for training programs for jail and workhouse personnel, jail and workhouse administrators, and sheriffs as provided in Section 3 of this act.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

Section 41-4-143.

(a) All jail and workhouse personnel employed after July 1, 2006, shall successfully complete a basic training program, provided or approved by the Tennessee corrections institute, within one (1) year of their date of employment and thereafter shall successfully complete forty (40) hours of annual in-service training appropriate for their

position and responsibilities. Such in-service training shall be provided or approved by the Tennessee corrections institute.

(b) All jail and workhouse administrators employed on or after January 1, 2007, shall successfully complete a jail administrator's course, provided by the Tennessee sheriffs' association and approved by the Tennessee corrections institute, by October 1, 2007, or within six (6) months of their date of employment, whichever is later, and thereafter shall successfully complete forty (40) hours of annual in-service training appropriate for their position and responsibilities.

(c) Every person who takes the office of sheriff on or after September 1, 2006, regardless of their previous law enforcement or jail administration experience, shall successfully complete a jail administrator course, provided by the Tennessee sheriffs' association and approved by the Tennessee corrections institute, by October 1, 2007, or within six (6) months of their date of taking office, whichever is later. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for such person to qualify for the office of sheriff in any subsequent election, the person shall have successfully completed such jail administrator course.

(d)

(1) Fifty percent (50%) of the litigation tax proceeds earmarked for training programs for jail and workhouse personnel, jail and workhouse administrators and sheriffs pursuant to §67-4-602 shall be appropriated to the Tennessee corrections institute for the sole purpose of training programs in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

(2) Fifty percent (50%) of the litigation tax proceeds earmarked for training programs for jail and workhouse personnel, jail and workhouse administrators and sheriffs pursuant to §67-4-602 shall be appropriated to the

Tennessee sheriffs' association for the sole purpose of training programs in accordance with subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.